

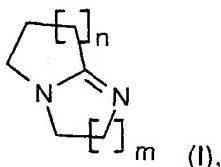
Preparation of β -alkoxynitriles

Abstract

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A process for preparing β -alkoxynitriles by reacting α,β -unsaturated nitriles with monohydric, dihydric or trihydric alcohols in the presence of basic catalysts at from -20 to +200°C comprises using a diazabicycloalkene catalyst of the formula I

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where from 1 to 4 hydrogen atoms may be independently replaced by the radicals R¹ to R⁴, in which case

20 R¹, R², R³, R⁴ are each C₁₋₂₀-alkyl, C₆₋₂₀-aryl or C₇₋₂₀-arylalkyl,
and

n and m are each an integer from 1 to 6.

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